

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

In this column we will publish communications of a worthy and suitable character, received from subscribers to this paper. No communications should contain more than 300 words. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Land, Transportation and Finance. EDITOR INDEPENDENT:

It seems by your last issue, that several writers have seen fit to notice my last communication. Out of these you have selected the communication of Brother Hand. Now without answering anybody, let me state my position.

The present writer was with the populist party at its birth, as I voted the union labor ticket before that party was organized. Now that party is still good enough for me. I was a member of its last national convention. That convention adopted much that was good, and such that was rank nonsense; but I am a populist, nevertheless, and see no occasion for organizing a new party. We started out on three fundamental lines—Land, Transportation and Finance. These are three crying evils.

Absentee—landlordism is perhaps, best exemplified in unhappy Ireland. The landlord collects his rent in cash, and spends his money in London and Paris. It is a constant drain upon the country. The nonresident landlord is not interested in the building of churches, the maintenance of schools or the construction of good roads. Alien ownership of land tends to the creation of an ignorant and brutalized peasantry. In my humble judgment it ought to be prohibited by the constitution of the United States.

The matter of transportation is a burning question, too great to be discussed in a short newspaper article. In 1883 the railroads took one-half of the entire wheat crop of Kansas to carry the other half to market. In the 38 years following 1850 the railroad interests in the United States increased 1,580 per cent; and the farming interests only 252 per cent. The cost of the Union Pacific railroad, in capital stock, mortgage bonds, land grant, income and government bonds, was reported to the secretary of the interior at \$112,259,360 or an average of \$108,778 a mile; but the liabilities of the company at the date of the completion of the road were \$113,730,052, or an average of \$113,110 a mile. Jesse L. Williams, one of the government directors of the company and a civil engineer of great experience, in a report to the secretary of the interior, dated November 14th, 1868, gave the approximate cost of the Union Pacific railroad in cash at \$38,824,821, or an average of about \$38,000 a mile; and James Harrison Wilson says this cannot be far from correct. We all know how the government lifted its first mortgage from the road and took a second. We know too the history of the late compromise between the government and the road. That road with all the feats of engineering necessary for its completion surpasses the wall of China; and almost rivals the pyramids of Egypt. It would be safe to style it the eighth wonder of the world. It has united the extremes of this continent; spanned deserts, climbed and descended mountains. It has made the union of these states a perpetuity. The Union Pacific railroad has been managed by men of extensive ability and experience; and men who have been just as good as the average man would have been in their places. That road ought to have been the greatest financial success of the age. Yet it has been a colossal financial failure. Most of the railroad property in the United States is today in the hands of receivers. What is the remedy for all this? We populists say government ownership. Let us stay by it; and not compromise one iota.

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